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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL REPORT ON KOREAN HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: SEOUL 7366

1. THE SUBJECT REPORT OF REFTEL WAS PREPARED BY THE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE (CRS) AT THE REQUEST OF CHAIRMAN FRASER. A SIMILAR REPORT WAS PREPARED LAST YEAR, AND IS "FINAL" IN THE SENSE THAT NO FURTHER VERSIONS OF IT ARE PLANNED FOR NOW. ALTHOUGH PREPARED BY CRS AT THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S REQUEST, THE REPORT BEARS THE CAVEAT THAT ITS CONTENTS DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND/OR ALL ITS MEMBERS.
2. SPECIFICALLY, THE REPORT STATES THAT THE ADMINISTRATION "MISSED OPPORTUNITIES TO DRAMATIZE SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT" IN KOREA WHEN YI CH'OL-SUNG VISITED THE UNITED STATES IN 1977 AND 1978 "WITHOUT MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT." FYI: SUBCOMMITTEE UNCLASSIFIED

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STAFFER VOLUNTEERED THAT CHAIRMAN FRASER MADE NO RPT NO RECOMMENDATION THAT THE PRESIDENT SEE YI, AND THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE SEES NO SIGNIFICANCE IN HIS NOT DOING SO. WERE A KOREAN MORE PROMINENT IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS FIELD TO VISIT WASHINGTON (SUCH AS YI T'AE-YONG OR ONE OF THE OTHER MYONGDONG DEFENDANTS), FRASER WOULD "DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE" TO GET A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT,

AND WOULD PROBABLY BE CRITICAL IF SUCH A MEETING WERE
NOT FORTHCOMING.

3. SUBCOMMITTEE IS SENDING US A COPY OF THE REPORT
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